



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS: Healthy Georgia children and families are our state's most valuable assets; and

WHEREAS: One in four children and adolescents in the United States suffer from emotional and mental disorders that cause significant functional impairment in their day-to-day lives at home, in school, and in interactions with peers. It is estimated that only 20 percent of children and adolescents with mental disorders are properly diagnosed and receive appropriate mental health services; and

WHEREAS: It is essential that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about the warning signs of mental health disorders and know where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment. Early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children provide better opportunities for them to lead full, independent, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: The participation of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents is integral to ensuring positive clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS: Children's Mental Health Week was developed by families of youth with emotional, behavioral, and social challenges to emphasize and support the needs of their children; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1–7, 2017, as CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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